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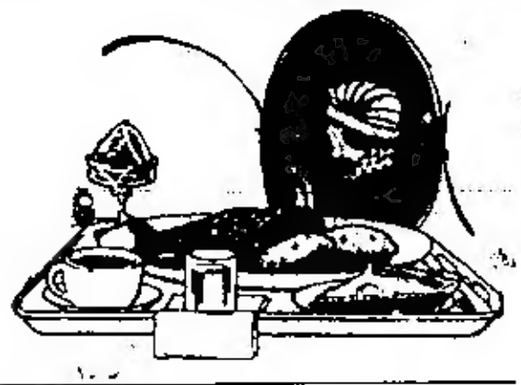

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LATE NEWS DISPATCHES

New York (J. P. A.)—Jacob P. Adler, the noted Jewish tragedian, whose fiftieth anniversary on the Yiddish stage was celebrated several days ago, was presented with a $15,000 purse as a farewell gift from his numerous admirers.

As his farewell appearance, Mr. Adler played an act of "King Lear," in Yiddish, with a company which included Bertha Kalisch and other noted stars.

Those on the program included Al Jolson, Louis Mann, Barney Bernard, Lionel Atwill, Richard Bennett, Margalo Gillmore, Leo Ditrichstein, Sophie Tucker, Belle Baker, Cantor Rosenblatt and many other celebrities.

IMMIGRANT JEWISH LAD WINS HIGHEST CLASS HONORS

New York (J. P. A.)—Abraham Ochakowski was awarded the highest honor offered by his school at the graduation exercises yesterday, in Public School 11. Abraham, who came here two years ago from Russia, was the valedictorian for his class, which consisted of 69 graduates. He entered the school in September, 1920, immediately after his arrival in the United States and shortly after entering he wrote a poem to President Harding. During his last term he assisted his teacher in the planning of a pageant, called "Education in New York," in which 200 boys participated.

KEREN HAYESOD STORM CENTRE AT UNITED SYNAGOG CONVENTION

New York (J. P. A.)—The annual convention of the United Synagogs of America and Canada opened last Sunday at the Laurel Room of the Hotel Astor, there being present more than 500 delegates, representing 161 congregations. Dr. Elias L. Solomon, the president, in his opening address expressed great satisfaction at the rapid growth and development of this organization of which he had the honor to be presiding officer. Voicing the fervent desires and longing hopes of many American Jews that a more liberal and tolerant policy be adopted by the government towards the problem of immigration, as it affects the destinies of many Jews who seek to flee here from the oppressions and persecutions of Europe, Dr. Solomon made an eloquent and moving appeal to American Jewry represented by the delegates, to extend aid and relief to the helpless Jews of Eastern Europe, as well as to participate more actively in the upbuilding of Palestine.

Mr. Charles Hoffman, as president of the Women's League, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of the Young People's League, and Dr. Cyrus Adler, representing the religious educational institutions of America, then addressed the convention. Dr. Adler appealed for the support of the Theological Seminary, the financial situation of which is highly unsatisfactory.

Monday's session was devoted to the consideration of the Resolution Committee's reports. Dr. Adler, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, had just concluded its report and moved its adoption, when Rabbi Simon Benjamin, of Cleveland, arose and asked for the privilege of moving a resolution duly presented, but rejected by the Resolutions Committee. The Assembly quieted expectantly, as though it were already acquainted with what was coming. Rabbi Benjamin then read his resolution, which pledged the moral and actual support of the United Synagogs to the task of rebuilding Palestine as the Jewish Homeland, by its support of the Keren Hayesod. In a stirring address, which Rabbi Benjamin delivered in support of his resolution, he declared that the need of the hour demanded a break with the tepid, insipid and colorless policies of the past, and called for the adoption of more positive measures. But this enthusiasm proved unavailing, for as the result of bitter and vigorous expressions of conflicting sentiments, out of the haze and maze of amendments, substitute motions and other parliamentary strategy, the convention adopted the pacific, conciliatory resolution, pledging itself "to do everything possible" for the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

In the election held, at the close of the second session, Dr. Elias Solomon was re-elected president, and among these elected to the executive council were Dr. Cyrus Adler, Prof. Baldin and Prof. Kaplan.

ALMOND GROWING IN PALESTINE CONTROLLED BY JEWISH COLONIES

Washington (J. P. A.)—A report received here from the American consul at Jerusalem states that there are 4,000 acres of almond trees in the Jewish colonies of Palestine, as compared with less than half that area scattered about the country in small units which supply mainly the local needs. The crop of the harvest just closed is approximately 2,227,000 pounds from the Jewish colonies and probably not more than 700,000 pounds from the other sources.

A comparatively large quantity of almonds was shipped this year to America. Of the crop just harvested, there has already been exported to the United States almost 26,000 pounds, valued at 700 Egyptian pounds.

The almond industry in Palestine has developed to a size where machinery is required for preparing the crop for market and a few American almond hullers, used for removing the outer husk of the nut as it comes from the tree, have been imported.

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EDITORIAL

IMMIGRATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT

THE STOCK argument of the restrictionists against immigration in general into Canada, and particularly of Jewish immigration, is summed up in this statement of the Globe correspondent: "The menace consists in the fact that nearly all of these immigrants have the utmost objection to going on the land, and their presence in the cities increases the number of low-paid workers and low-standard livers, whose competition throws not only British but Canadian workmen out of employment." Their thesis is that the only kind of immigrants Canada should admit are those that will go on the farm, for our cities are already overcrowded.

It is an old trick of the advocates of restriction to blame every conceivable ailment of the body politic on unrestricted immigration. Thus, unemployment, pauperism, crime, the continental Sunday, atheism, lower standard of living, racial inferiority, radicalism and bolshevism are all laid at the door of the recent immigrant. The cry is, let us admit only "the desirables," yet nowhere is there to be found a definition as to who are desirable, and what the elements are that make for desirability.

It never occurs to the restrictionists that their policy is a reversal to the older monarchic theories of State Sovereignty, which prevailed before the nineteenth century, and which invested the State with the absolute right of excluding aliens from its territory. They are not cognizant of the social and political progress that we have made toward Democracy. Why should not the individual have the freedom of the world to choose his domicile, regardless of where his cradle stood, so long as he is a productive worker, adding by his labor to the wealth of society?

Is the premise true that an increase in population through immigration would make for an increase in unemployment?

The truth of the whole matter is that both unemployment and immigration are the effects of the same economic forces working in opposite directions. Those economic forces that produce business expansion reduce unemployment and attract immigration. Whereas those forces that produce business depression and increase unemployment have a tendency to reduce the number of immigrants who come to the country. In other words: immigration follows the opportunities for employment.

It is false that "there are not enough ships to carry all the Jews of Roumania, Poland, Lithuania, Russia and elsewhere who would come if they could be sure of admittance." This statement is the result of the exaggerated propaganda spread in Jewish War Relief campaigns, etc., when appeals are made for funds that all the Jews of Europe are starving, etc. This statement is highly exaggerated and untrue. Millions of Jews in Europe to-day are better off over there than they would be if they came to Canada at this time. To be sure, there are those who have suffered from the war and religious persecution, who should like to find in Canada a haven of refuge. Is the humane side of the immigration question entirely to be shelved as not compatible with out modern claim as a progressive and civilized nation? But it is not proposed to solve the Jewish question in Poland or Eastern Europe by transplanting all the Jews to Canada, or even the United States. In a sense we ourselves are to blame for the peculiar notions our non-Jewish fellow-citizens have of our foreign situation. The Jewish immigrants now seeking entrance into Canada consist largely of the families and relatives of those who came as immigrants and who, having "made good" here, wish to be reunited on Canadian soil with those they love. Is this a crime? Such other Jewish immigrants who come bring with them sufficient funds so that they and their families do not become burdens on the community.

In this connection, it is wise to bear in mind the peculiar and distinguishing characteristics of the Jewish immigrant, which are an asset to Canada.

(1) He is a permanent settler. The Jewish immigrant comes to stay. He leaves the country of his origin usually because of religious persecution, economic boycott and pogrom. He has burned his bridges behind him. He divests himself of his former allegiance and arrives prepared to make his new country the land of his loyalty. He brings to it his sharpened and cultured mind, his physical strength, and his willingness to work hard.

(2) His is a family immigration movement. Immigration statistics prove that a large proportion of Jewish immigrants are composed of women and children, who do not become competitors for jobs.

(3) The return movement of Jewish immigrants back to the "old country" is by far the smallest of any.

(4) The Jewish immigrants represent the largest proportion of skilled workers in those trades which are non-competitive with the native-born worker or the immigrant worker from other religious or racial groups. The preponderance of the Jew in the needle industries, both as an employer of labor and as employee, is proof of this fact. This gives the lie to the accusation "that the Jew does not engage in productive activity that adds to the wealth of the nation." It was through the creative activities and genius of the Jew that two of the largest industries Canada possesses, the needle trade and the cigar industry, were built up. These industries are now giving employment to many native-born Canadians and enabling us to compete with American manufacturers in these lines. The creation of home industries gives meaning to the term "Made in Canada."

In the needle industry are to be found the best conditions of labor and wages. It is acknowledged by all labor leaders and students of labor conditions that the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union and the International Garment Workers' Union are the most progressive and constructive labor unions on the continent. They are the creation of the Jewish immigrant. In these trades there is a 44-hour week, a minimum scale of wages, which is based on a sound standard of living, higher than the average; there is a standardized scale of production and a system of arbitration, reducing strikes and lockouts, which are economic wastes to both employer and the employee.

Under the present chaotic, competitive conditions of industry, there are periodic cycles every six to ten years of economic prosperity with an unusually large amount of employment, followed by successive periods of deflation and economic crises, which bring in their wake unemployment. In addition to this there is the unchanging condition that industries and trades are seasonal, and depend on the weather and social needs and changing styles and fashions. Much unemployment results in the periods between seasons. To eliminate this condition, it would be necessary to dovetail the busy and slack seasons in various industries in such a way as would produce an even distribution of work of the whole nation over all seasons of the year. A plan would also have to be devised to shift labor from one industry into the other. No plan has as yet come to light which promises to solve this problem. Certainly the immigrant can by no stretch

of the imagination be blamed as the cause of this age-old condition. If anything might be said in this connection, it is this: that the immigrant is possibly the most mobile element in labor and more easily shifted from one industry into the other. If there were a causal connection between immigration and labor, there would have to be more unemployment during the years of the heaviest immigration and vice versa. Comparative statistics of immigration and unemployment prove that this is not the case.

No better illustration of this fact exists than the example of Australia. In area it is almost like Canada, though its population is much smaller. Its percentage of emigration is larger than its percentage of immigration. Australia's percentage of unemployment is greater than that of New York, which is teeming with immigrants. Restriction of immigration does not reduce unemployment. Unemployment is produced by the modern organization of industry even in the absence of large waves of immigration. The conditions in Canada during the last few years are the best proofs of this. Canada has during the last few years had relatively less immigration than at any similar period in her history, yet at no period in her past has she had to contend with so enormous and overwhelming an unemployment situation.

The relationship of immigration to unemployment and conditions of labor generally may be summarized as follows:

1. Immigration varies inversely with unemployment. It has not increased the rate of unemployment.

2. Recent immigration has not displaced any of the native Canadian wage earners or of the earlier Canadian immigrants, but has only covered the shortage of labor resulting from the excess of the demand over the home supply, particularly in the field of "domestics."

3. The standard of living of the recent immigrants is not lower than the standard of living of the past generations of immigrants engaged in the same occupations. Recent immigration has not lowered the standard of living of the native-born workers.

4. Recent immigration has not reduced the rate of wages nor has it prevented an increase in the rate of wages. It has pushed the native workers upward on the scale of occupations from the more menial to the higher positions, where the immigrant does not compete.

5. The hours of labor have been reduced contemporaneously with recent immigration.

6. The membership in labor unions has grown apace with recent immigrations. The new immigrants contributed their proportionate quota to the membership of every labor organization which has not discriminated against them; and they have stood firmly by their organization in every contest.

7. The Jewish immigrant has managed to create fields of economic opportunity for himself without competing with any other native-born immigrant groups, thereby producing employment for himself as well as for other workers, and enriching the industrial possibilities of Canada.

We are therefore obliged to conclude that the immigration restrictionists who claim that unemployment is a reason for further restriction, and even for complete prohibition of immigration, are merely throwing sand into the eyes of a gullible public. Incidentally, through their special defamatory statements concerning Jewish immigrants, they are sowing the seeds of racial animosity and religious prejudice in a country that, thank God, is comparatively free from these old-world feuds. In our next editorial we will treat further of this important problem.

Barnett R. Brickner

PERSONALITIES

BY OBSERVER

(New York Special to *The Canadian Jewish Review*)

Advices from France tell of honors conferred upon Prof. Henri Bergson for his services to France during the war.

Professor Bergson is one of the most famous philosophers of our times, and, peculiarly, he can be likened to that other giant of the mind, Professor Einstein. Both men are at the pinnacle of mental achievement and both are deeply concerned with the future of their people; so much so, in fact, that both have offered to devote themselves to the Hebrew University in Palestine when that institution shall be ready to call them.

Not many in America have had the opportunity to become familiar with the works of Bergson. Of course, we have all heard of him, but we see him dimly, through a seeming veil of dense intellectuality and learning.

This surely is regrettable, for Bergson is a most attractive personality, and his writings are professorial only in subject—and often not even then—and are couched in a most graceful and ingratiating style.

Professor Bergson in the lecture-room will be a surprise to the inquisitive visitor. No pompous and abstruse phrases are these which issue from the mouth of the master, no outpouring of encyclopaedic words and heavily turned thoughts, but a bright, clear, witty exposition of human nature and its ways. An illustrative movement of the hands—and his hearers have smiled and learned.

Many years ago, when Bergson was but twenty-four and he had just begun to cut the pattern for his philosopher's cloak, he learned the value of speaking to the heart as well as to the mind of those whom he would teach. It was at a social gathering at the university in Clermont-Ferrand, a French town where he found an old-world but congenial community, and he essayed to speak to them of—laughter! A subject upon which sixteen years later he published one of his four famous books, "Le Rire."

The causes of laughter have puzzled philosophers back to the era of the ancient Greeks. Ponderous treatises on the subject have been written, which, to paraphrase Mark Twain's observation on the classics, many have heard of but few have read. But the young Bergson made his reasoning perfectly clear to his audience and was so much liked by them that in the archives of the local newspapers can be found this illuminating report of the lecture:

"Yesterday there was an entertainment in the university buildings. A lecture was announced—a philosopher was to speak on 'Laughter.' What do you laugh at? Why do you laugh? Many do not know. Some had never thought of it. The audience had assembled in such numbers that many could not gain admission, and were obliged to return home, grumbling at the luck of their fellows. But all those who found room on the benches went home delighted—nay, charmed—with what they had heard. They had heard a number of things concerning the subject itself and had found, besides, what many of the audience had secretly hoped to find in this lecture on laughter, more than one opportunity to laugh.

"He begins modestly with an anecdote, and, while the audience is still laughing, the lecturer had made his point and drawn his conclusion from the little story. He is in the process of formulating his general thesis without having announced in set terms what he is driving at. He hides from his hearers the thread along which he strings his illustrations and by means of which he draws his audience to the end that he desires."

A year after this, Bergson followed up his instinct for appealing to human nature by lecturing on good manners. Some years ago, when he spoke in New York, while on the mission to this country for the success of which he has now been honored by his government, his belief in intuitive appeal was practically illustrated. Elaborate plans had been made for the reception of the great philosopher. Everyone who was-something in the world of literature and universities was there. M. Bergson was greeted with addresses laboriously written and long-thought-out in order that by a thorough knowledge of the dictionary their authors might distinguish themselves before their illustrious guest.

The air was literally fogged with ornamental pedantry as Bergson rose to speak. And he spoke in the simplest language, witty and graceful and as far removed from the hard-worked efforts of the others as the poles.

In his speech there was a rebuke. He frankly complained that philosophical teaching was made incomprehensible to the students—and, he feared, to the learned exponents themselves—by the laborious and pedantic language of the American professors.

With Bergaon, abstract thoughts are translated into terms of concrete life.

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As we have intimated frequently in these paragraphs, we are always keenly on the qui vive for new personalities that may be gathered into the fold. We were suggested the Talmadge sisters—Norma, Natalie and Constance. Norma is married to one of our movie magnates named Schenck, of whom we are sure, but otherwise we are hesitant about taking the Trail, since we have a strong feeling that we would soon come to a cross-path.

But two other young women were mentioned—sisters, also, namely, Marion and Reine Davis, of whom our doubts are not so strong, but whom we are nevertheless loth to become interested in. To be truthful, we have quavers lest the suspicions should be confirmed. We are afraid of the potentialities of the Davis girls' family name—Douras—and of the name "Reine," which is so fascinating to our Bronx community. So we prefer not to go any farther into this matter, knowing that many of you have seen Marion act and many of you have read of sister Reine in the newspapers—though perhaps not in those owned by Mr. Hearst.

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As we were speaking of notable sisters, we are reminded of the Dolly Sisters, the popular musical comedy and vaudeville dancers. Of these we are fully qualified to speak here. Yansci and Rosika are known to their intimates by the names of Jenny and Rosie, and word has it that their acquaintance with Hungary, the reputed land of their birth, is limited to the goulash palaces on New York's East Side.

Just at present the Dollys are in London delighting the English in a pantomime called "Babes in the Wood," and the extent of their popularity may be judged by their photographic appearances, in fetching babyish socks, in the pages of our far from frivolous contemporary, the London Jewish World.

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In this month's *Art Review* there begins the publication of a series of articles on the Yiddish theatre by Jack Irwin.

"Jack Irwin" is the pen-name of Jack Charash, Jacob Ben-Ami's personal representative, and a man who is thoroughly at home behind the scenes of the Yiddish playhouse.

Charash came to the Yiddish theatre with his theatrical instinct acquired on Broadway, and within his range he worked to bring the polish and professional workmanship of Broadway to replace the crudity of the Yiddish theatricals. He saw Maurice Schwartz launch his Irving Place Theatre venture, the most important step in the history of the American Jewish stage. He saw the Yiddish theatre become cleansed of vulgarity and laughable naïveté; he saw the opening of the first Jewish Art Theatre, with Emanuel Reicher's attempt to Judaise a foreign note; he saw the coming into their own of Ben-Ami, Celia Adler, Ludwig Satz, Maurice Schwartz, Lazar Fried, Jachiel Goldsmith, Gershon Rubin, Bertha Gerstin. And if this renascence reached the attention of the American critical authority, it was due to Jack Charash. No man worked more to bring the news of the rejuvenated Yiddish theatre to the American public. It is, in fact, no exaggeration to say that Ben-Ami is in Mr. Charash's debt for his introduction to the English stage. One may go a step farther and place increased credit to Charash's work, for who knows whether the Jewish Art Theatre idea would have continued after the smash of the first art theatre if it had not been for the acclaim which had greeted it, and which was left behind as a legacy to those who followed, an acclaim which was due in no small measure to Charash.

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The news that Akiba Rubinstein, the chess champion, has been the winner of the first prize in the international tournament held not long ago at Triberg, Austria, brings to mind another chess master who is now with us in this country, the astonishing Samuel Rzechewsky, age nine.

From the day when the news reels on the screen first introduced him to us playing twenty-four men simultaneously, Samuel has been an object for wonderment. But there were some who looked upon the boy's achievements

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Dominion Correspondence

WINNIPEG

Miss Beatrice Low, of Seattle, Wash., s the guest of Miss Lillian Shragge, 40 Arlington Street. Miss Low is joining her parents in Minneapolis, en route to Europe.

Mrs. D. Levinson has left for Montreal where she will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. I. Pressner.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Jeannette Enzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Enzer, of Montreal, to Mr. Harry Levinson, of Winnipeg, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Levinson, 139 Langside Street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Bertha (Bee) to Mr. W. A. Lavitt, this city. The wedding is to take place February 15, at the home of the bride-elect's parents, 67 Lily Street.

Mrs. D. Abrams entertained four tables at bridge on Sunday evening, in honor of Miss Beatrice Low, of Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Plottel have returned to Edmonton, having been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Plottel, 448 Boyd Avenue, Winnipeg.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at 174 Selkirk Avenue, on Wednesday, February 1, when Margaret, youngest daughter of Mrs. R. Goldenberg, was given in marriage to Mr. A. Rattner, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Rattner, of Plumcoulee. A number of out-of-town guests were present. Mr. and Mrs. Rattner will reside in Plumcoulee, Man.

Miss Marion Korman, 399 Wardlaw Avenue, has left the city and is visiting relatives in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mrs. L. Rice and children have left the city and are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rice, Phœnix, Arizona.

Mrs. A. E. Weidman, Suite 17, St. Elmo Apartments, entertained at the tea hour on Thursday, February 2, in honor of Mrs. D. Balcovski, who is leaving in a couple of weeks to make her home in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Cohen, Suite 10, North Panama Apartments, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Master have returned from an extended honeymoon trip through the East, and are residing at the Royal Alexandra Hotel. Before marriage, Mrs. Master was Miss Lillian Isman.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rosen have returned to the city, having spent their honeymoon in New York, Montreal, Toronto, and other eastern cities. Mrs. Rosen was Miss Goldie Diner, daughter of Mrs. R. Diner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Weidman have returned to the city after spending their honeymoon in the East. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Weidman was Miss Reb. Spivak.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Weidman, Suite 11, St. Elmo Apartments, entertained at dinner on Thursday evening. Covers were laid for ten.

A wedding of much interest to Winnipeggers was solemnized at Canora, Sask., on Tuesday, January 31, at 5 o'clock, when Diana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldstein, Canora, was given in marriage to Mr. Michael J. Isman, of Dauphin, Man. Many out-of-town guests were present. Rabbi H. J. Samuels, of Winnipeg, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Isman will reside at Dauphin, Man.

By the death of Adolph Coblentz, which occurred recently, Winnipeg Jewry loses one of its respected members. Mr. Coblentz, who was in his eightieth year, came to Winnipeg in 1878, one of the very first Jewish settlers in these parts. He was a native of Lixheim, Alsace, and was a veteran, on the French side, of the Franco-Prussian War. He was, until his retirement a few years ago, in business at Gretna, Man. He leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters, Mrs. P. Stephany and Mrs. E. A. Frankfurter, of Winnipeg.

Rabbi H. J. Samuel is commencing on Friday evening, February 3, a series of addresses at the Shaarey Zedek Synagog on the teachings of the prophets regarding modern problems.

The dance held by the Senior Hadassah at the Manitoba Hall on Tuesday evening, January 31, was a financial as well as social success. Mesdames Wilder and Stockhammer were conveners.

The Montefiore Club held their weekly snow-shoe tramp on Wednesday evening, February 1, and in spite of the weather-man being a little severe, there was a fine turn-out. After snow-shoeing, the party returned to the Montefiore club-rooms, where refreshments were served. A jolly dance completed the evening.

The Montefiore Club celebrated their tenth anniversary on Thursday evening, February 2, at a banquet and dance at the Clarendon Lounge. About one hundred and forty guests, composed of members and lady friends, attended this function. Mr. Monte Stall, president of the Club, was toastmaster of the evening. Toasts were delivered to "The Ladies," "Our Club," "Past Officers," "New Members," which were responded to.

The Y.W.H.A. held a successful social evening on Sunday last, at the Y.M.H.A. club-rooms. Mr. S. Abrahamson addressed the meeting, an enjoyable program was arranged, and the evening was finished with a dance.

The Girls' Auxiliary of the Jewish Orphanage held their annual election of officers in January. Miss Thelma Rackow, president, was unanimously re-elected for her third term, together with the following executives: Miss Saidye Rosner, vice-president; Miss Bertha Sigesmund, treasurer; Miss Bernice Tissman, financial secretary, and Miss "Beck" Stein, recording secretary. Working executive: Misses Zoe Isaacs, Fannie Ginsberg, Mina Shaen, Nellie Levin, Toby Sigesmund.

The Y.M.H.A. held their regular snow-shoe tramp on Thursday evening, February 2. Their destination was "The Cabbage Patch," and back to the club-rooms, where refreshments were served, and dancing brought the close of a very enjoyable evening.

OTTAWA

Saturday morning, February 4, one more Jewish youth entered into the assembly of those who are eligible to be counted to a minyon, when Master Lawrence Freiman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Freiman, was confirmed. In a very excellent manner, the Bar Mitzva read a portion of the Torah, also the Haftorah. The occasion was graced by Dr. H. Abramovitz, of Montreal, who occupied the pulpit during the ceremony. The text of the sermon was from Exodus 10, 9—"And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds we will go, for we must hold a feast unto the Lord." For almost an hour, with his usual eloquence, Dr. Abramovitz held the congregants as if spellbound, in expounding the text.

Not only immediate members of the Adath Yeshuroon, but also members from other congregations were present. Both the main floor and gallery were filled to capacity. It has proved once more, if that be necessary, the high esteem the parents of the Bar Mitzva are held in by the Jewish community of Ottawa. And when we speak of esteem, we must not forget the most esteemed grand-parents of the Bar Mitzva, on the mother's side, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Bilsky, the pioneer Jewish family of Ottawa, and, on the father's side, Mr. and Mrs. H. Freiman, of Hamilton.

Following the confirmation service, a luncheon was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Freiman, 149 Somerset Street, attended by sixty guests, who included members of the family, relatives and intimate friends. Mr. Joseph Barondess, of New York, acted as toastmaster at the luncheon. Among other speakers were Mr. Leon Goldman, of Montreal, executive secretary of the Canadian Zionist Organization; Mr. L. Levin, treasurer of that organization; Mr. Gregory Sanders, of Montreal; Mr. Alan Bronsan, of Winnipeg; Mr. Wolofsky, Miss Ida Siegler, of Montreal, and Mr. A. Myers, of Ottawa, an uncle of Master Freiman's. Mr. Levin, in the course of his remarks, made a presentation of a "Golden Book Entry" to Mr. and Mrs. Moses Bilsky.

The tables were adorned with baskets of roses. Master Freiman, in a few but well chosen remarks, thanked all who expressed kindly wishes to him. Mr. Freiman, on behalf of his son, made a more lengthy speech.

The out-of-town guests present were from Montreal, Dr. Abramovitz, Mr. Wolofsky, Mrs. Alec M. Bilsky, Miss Anne Bilsky, Mrs. A. W. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. A. Levin, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. Lyon Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Ascher Pierce, Mr. Sidney Pierce, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. L. Levin, Miss Bertha Lesser, Mr. H. Herschman, Miss Ida Siegler and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lande; from New York, Mr. Joseph Barondes and Mr. A. Rosenthal; from Hamilton, Mr. H. Freiman and Mr. and Mrs. L. Epstein; from Chatham, Ont., Mrs. Nathan Bilsky; from Winnipeg, Mr. Alan Bronsman; from Cornwall, Mr. J. Miller; from Brockville, Mr. Wiseman; and from Toronto, Mrs. Kraus.

In honor of the occasion, a charmingly arranged reception was also held Sunday afternoon, attended by over four hundred guests. Mr. and Mrs. Freiman and their son received. Mrs. Freiman wore a handsome gown of black tulle, beaded in black and white scroll design and trimmed with jet.

Assisting in the drawing room were: Mesdames Asher Pierce, M. Bilsky, M. Epstein and M. Davidson. Mrs. Kraus had charge of the tea room, and the tea table was presided over by Mesdames Alec M. Bilsky and A. Levin. The ices were served by Mesdames Leon Goldman, A. W. Jacobs, Nathan Lande and N. Bilsky, the assistants being Mesdames G. Sanders, Jack Bilsky and the Misses Lucy, Eva and Anne Bilsky, Misses Birdie, Ella and Ada Abelson, Dorothy Freiman, Ida Ziegler and Bertha Lesser.

The room was artistically adorned with roses, hyacinths and narcissi.

Many and pretty gifts were received by Master Freiman, included among which were five "Golden Book Entries," two of which were from the Zionist Organization of Canada, and from the Canadian Hadassah. A number of gifts were received from Palestine, some being handsome pieces of work from the Bezalel Art School of Jerusalem. Over two hundred telegrams were from friends in the United States, various parts of Canada, from England and Palestine. Master Freiman was also the recipient of a book containing one hundred and fifty photographs of the little orphans which were brought to Canada through the efforts of his mother. From his parents he received a cheque for a sum of money. When the cheque was handed to him, Master Freiman asked if he could dispose of the money according to his own discretion. Being answered in the affirmative, he said, "I will donate part of it towards work in Palestine."

Mr. A. H. Coplan, chairman of the Advisory Board of the Y.M.&Y.W.H.A., is in receipt of a number of splendid pictures of Jewish life, from the Jewish Welfare Board, of New York. He is having them framed and will present them to the "Y" as soon as they are completed.

A sewing circle and tea under the auspices of the Hadassah Chapter of Ottawa, was held on Tuesday last, at the residence of Mrs. H. Freedman, Donalda Apartments, Rideau Street.

The articles, when completed, will be donated for a bazaar to be held during next month, the proceeds of which will go to the "Keren Hayesod."

EDMONTON

More than a thousand dollars were realised for the Talmud Torah bazaar given under the auspices of the Council of Women, on Sunday, October 28. There are still a quantity of goods left over to be disposed of at other occasions, which will bring the sum up by several hundred.

Selling at the different booths commenced about noon and continued till nine in the evening. Dancing finished the day, the refreshment booth, however, continuing till the end.

The raffle wheel as usual was the big source of revenue, Mr. H. A. Friedman, Mr. E. Gordean, Mr. I. Friedman and Mr. Louis Sabler being in charge. Credit is due to Mrs. E. Gordean, convener, and Mrs. H. A. Friedman, president of the Jewish Council, for the success of the bazaar.

Miss Rose Cristall is a guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Barron, of Calgary.

Mr. Sam Waldman has left for a trip of several weeks to the East.

Miss Gladys Gordean and Miss Sylvia Berger, of Winnipeg, her guest in Edmonton for the past few weeks,

A BOUQUET

Mr. Peter Wineriek, editor of the "Jewish Morning Journal," New York City, which is one of the largest Jewish newspapers in the world, has this to say in his weekly literary review published in his "Jewish Morning Journal" of recent date, concerning the Canadian Jewish Review. The following is a literal translation:

"THE CANADIAN JEWISH REVIEW is a real live Anglo-Jewish weekly, which first made its appearance in Toronto, Canada, a few months ago. Its regular publication since then warrants our feeling that its future is assured. The contributing editor, who writes the editorial articles, and who appears to be the leading spirit of the undertaking, is Dr. Barnett R. Brickner, the Rabbi of the Toronto Hebrew Congregation. He is a man of wide experience and genuine journalistic ability. The new publication seems to have a sound financial basis and is full of live articles. The news columns of the paper are much better than similar columns in other Anglo-Jewish newspapers of this kind. The Gentile as well as the Jewish population of Canada is small when compared with that of the United States, but things are done in Canada, which are as good if not better than things done in the United States. Although the newspaper cannot yet be regarded as the great publication, which the Jews of North America should have created long ago, it nevertheless points the way to reach this goal. All those who are interested in Anglo-Jewish journalism, will watch with care the developments of this paper.

have left for Calgary, where they will be the guests of Miss Berger's sister, Mrs. Goldberg. Mr. Isadore Gordean spent last week end at Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Adelman, of Montreal, spent a day at Edmonton on their return home from their honeymoon trip. Mrs. Adelman was Miss Ann Mendelsohn, of Montreal, previous to her marriage.

MONTREAL

Beautiful costumes! Dazzling effects! Latest songs! Jazzy orchestra! Funniest jokes! Yeah! Howdidja know? Of course, it's the Minstrel Show! The members of the Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood have been rehearsing two nights a week for umpteen weeks, so that now even the director, Mr. S. D. Lewis, is satisfied that they'll score a tremendous success on March 2. The end men are Messrs. Joe Horwitz, Carl Lewis and Sam Horowitz, as tamboes; and Messrs. Jack Klein, Harry Diamond and Abe Abrahams, as bones. Mr. S. D. Lewis is interlocutor. The Minstrel Show, to be followed by an informal dance, is in aid of the University Settlement, and will take place at the Windsor Hall, Windsor Hotel, on March 2.

While we are on the subject of community work, the Y.W.H.A. has had a busy month. The French group, which meets with M. Breuil, is coming along nicely; the dressmaking, millinery and basketry classes are all "full-up"; and the "Y" basket-ball club is very much "in the run" for the trophy cup donated by Mrs. Asher Pierce, a member of the Y.W.H.A. Advisory Board. This week, Dr. Norman Viner will deliver a lecture on "The Jewish Disease—Nerves," and Miss Catherine Geavin will speak on "Art in Dressmaking." The public is invited to these lectures, which are held in the Baron de Hirsch Institute.

A very fine concert was given at the Ritz Carlton Hotel by Arthur Kaufman, a Jewish soldier who was blinded in the war. Mr. Kaufman was in the Pearson School in London, England, for some time; but now, in spite of his terrible handicap, is striving to secure economic independence by training his voice for the concert stage. Mr. Kaufman is "carrying on" in splendid style, and deserves all encouragement.

Five years ago a movement was started by Dr. Boris Dunev and Geoffrey Levine to encourage music students whose financial circumstances debarred them from taking regular tuition. The outcome of this movement was the Jewish Scholarship Fund, operated in connection with the Canadian Academy of Music. Although primarily intended for Jewish students, the promoters did not seek to define racial limits, preferring to place musical development first. As a result the movement has been extended to Gentile as well as to Jew. Recently a reshaping of the executive has taken place, Lyon W. Cohen becoming chairman of the Board. Associated with him are Samuel Hart, Rabbi Abramovitz, George Rotsky, H. K. S. Hemming and Myer Crown, the last named as treasurer. The executive announces a concert to be given late this month to raise money for the continuance of this work, and states that it is always glad to hear from students of definite aims and sufficient earnestness, who are unable to finance their musical education.

At the recent fencing, boxing and wrestling "wind-up" at McGill University, we notice that Crestohl, Arts '23, Schleifer, Arts '25, Goldapple, Pharmacy, and Abinovitch, Arts '25, came off with flying colors. These men will in all probability be among those who will represent McGill in the Intercollegiate Assault-at-Arms, to be held in Toronto towards the end of the month.

Prof. Brodie Brockwell, head of the Department of Semitics and Oriental Languages of McGill University, addressed the Maccabaean Circle at their meeting on Sunday, February 5. The subject of Professor Brockwell's address was "The Riddling of Riddles—Some Difficulties in Biblical Interpretation." The lecture was not only interesting and instructive; but inspiring in that Professor Brockwell anticipated—nay, predicted—a wonderful future for Jewish culture. In conclusion, he sounded a warning, namely, that the Jew must not allow himself to become assimilated.

Mr. Lazarus Phillips was the speaker of the evening at the last meeting of the B'nai Jacob Young People's Society. Mr. Dave Shueman read a paper. The rest of the program was made up as follows: Vocalist, Miss Celia Takefman; piano solo, Miss Jeanette Enzer; elocutionist, Miss Nellie Enzer; violin solo, Mr. Sam Lang.

The B'nai Jacob Synagog, corner Fairmount and Esplanade Avenues, which was built this summer by Jewish residents of the North End, is considered one of the finest buildings in the city. The Talmud Torah, too, helps to make this synagog a true community center. But although the B'nai Jacob is one of the oldest congregations in the city, the members now find themselves in dire straits. At a recent meeting, the members of the executive board announced that there was a total liability of $90,000, and a first mortgage of $50,000. Unless financial aid is forthcoming, the B'nai Jacob will be forced to assign to their creditors. Mr. B. Goldenberg, president of the Synagog, is appealing to Montreal Jewry in general to come to the aid of the B'nai Jacob.

At the last meeting of the Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, Mrs. Rose Henderson gave the ladies of a congregation a literary treat. For the subject of her address she chose Maeterlinck's "Blue bird."

The program for Wednesday afternoon, February 8, promises to be most decidedly worth while. Miss Fanny Novick, B.A., is to speak on the "Modern Hebrew Writers." Mr. Gerald Fels will render a piano solo. At the conclusion of the program tea will be served.

The Y.M.H.A. orchestra, which is under the direction of Mr. Gagnier, is giving a concert on February 7 at the Protestant Hospital for the Insane at Verdun. Last month the orchestra held a concert at the St. Denis Theatre in aid of the Montreal Children's Hospital.

The entertainment committee announces a gala sleigh drive for the evening of February 19.

Messrs. Harry Rubin, Dave Becker, Joe Hornstein, Harry Spector, John Chorney, Sam Zakon and Max Neamtin, prominent Y.M.H.A. men, were in Ottawa for the Carnival. While in Ottawa they attended a dance at the local "Y"—with the result that they are still singing the praises of that fair city.

The Local Council of Jewish Women is doing good work these days. Mrs. D. Kert, Chairman Immigrant Aid Committee, reports that one of the Immigrant Clubs is fairly launched, and that another, under the charge of Mrs. Jay Wolfe, a competent worker, is about to be founded. Every single one of the "fifty-eleven" different committees from the Social Service to the European Orphan Adoption Committee, is working sixty seconds to the minute.

Mr. Norman W. Vineberg, Med '24, of McGill University, has been elected Vice-President of the Intercollegiate Menorah Association of America, which met in convention last month at the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Vineberg was present as a delegate of the Maccabaean Circle, the McGill Menorah Society. This is the first time that a Canadian has held such an office, and it will do much to establish a closer relationship between the local unit and the head body. Mr. Vineberg has founded three Sunday schools and acted as principal for them as follows: The Hebrew Orphan Home Sunday School, 1914-1917; The Adath Jeshurun Congregation Sunday School, 1917-1922; The B'nai Jacob Sunday School, 1921.

Mr. Vineberg is also Treasurer of the McGill Social Service Club and on the Council of the Young People's Society of the Shaar Hashomayim Synagog. He has been on the executive of the Maccabaean Circle for the past five years.

A very enjoyable concert was given for the patients of the Mount Sinai Sanatorium at Ste. Agathe last week. Among those who took part were Miss Sadie Usher, Dr. Joseph Lande, Mr. Caplan, Mr. Aspler, and Mr. Segall. The concert was due to the efforts of Mr. Louis Gibson, 1039 St. Urbain Street, who will welcome any offer of talent for these monthly concerts.

The death occurred suddenly of Abraham Jacob Bloomfield, one of the old-time members of our local Jewish community. While on a business trip, Mr. Bloomfield was stricken with pneumonia at Fredericton, N.B. He was rushed to the Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, but after a short illness died while surrounded by his wife and brothers. The body was brought to Montreal for interment. The funeral, which took place on Tuesday, January 31, was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The deceased lived in Winnipeg for some time, where he was the first president of the B'nai B'rith, and one of the founders of the Shaar Hashomayim Synagog in Winnipeg. He was a member of the I.O.O.F. and of the Masonic order. Mr. Bloomfield is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Miriam Rains of Philadelphia, by one daughter, Dorothy, and one son, Bernard, and by his two brothers, David and Samuel Bloomfield, all of Montreal.

Miss Bessie Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pearson, is returning home from a visit to Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Leon Kazenel, who were in town for the marriage of their son, sailed for England by the "Montcalm."

Mrs. Mark Workman, with the Misses Nina and Daisy Workman, left for New York, en route to California where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. D. B. Harris, of Clarke Avenue West, received for the first time since her marriage, on Wednesday afternoon January 25. Those who assisted in serving were Mrs. L. J. Newmann, Fay Redlich and Ruth Harris.

Mrs. Ron Schwartz, of Font Street, and Mrs. Chas. Goldstein, of Côté St. Antoine Road, entertained at bridge on Monday at the Greenwich Shop, Guy Street. About 40 guests played.

Miss Rosetta Schliefer entertained at a novel kitchen shower in honor of Miss Pauline Daniels. Out-of-town guests were Miss Dora Mazur of Baltimore, Mrs. B. Tisnauer of Rhode Island, and Miss Rebecca Ginsberg of Winnipeg.

MENORAH DEBATE—McGILL vs. TORONTO

Is the Convocation of a Canadian Jewish Congress at this present moment both feasible and necessary?

This big and outstanding question which aroused Canadian Jewry to such great patriotic fervor a few years ago, and which is due to soon form a leading source of discussion, will again be the center of discussion at the second annual Intercollegiate Menorah Debate, which takes place on Saturday evening, February 18, in the West Hall of University College, University of Toronto, between representatives of Toronto Varsity and McGill Menorah Societies.

The affirmative side of this leading debate will be taken by Messrs. J. M. Stuchen, B.A., of Osgoode Hall, and David Eisen of the final year in Medicine, as representing the University of Toronto Menorah Society.

The McGill Menorah Society are going to uphold the negative side, and they are sending down two of their best debaters, Messrs. Otto Kleinberg, M.A., the President of the McGill Society, and Harry Batshaw of the Faculty of Law at McGill, to argue for them.

This debate promises to be the classic event in local Menorah history and should attract all those interested in the question of the Congress movement. The rivalry that has long existed between the two Universities has not abated, and it promises to be even keener now since the local society was beaten at Montreal last year at the first of these annual debates. The public are invited, and tickets may be secured from any member of the University of Toronto Menorah Society.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE HOLD INSTALLATION MEETING

A very successful installation meeting of the Young People's League was held Sunday, February 5, at the Synagog. Over two hundred young people attended.

Rabbi Siegel outlined the aims of the League, and also spoke on various circles which are being formed. Mr. Joseph Gordon also spoke on behalf of the executive. The chairmen of the circles gave their programs for the coming year. Mr. Louis Samuels, chairman of the social committee, announced the dance which will be held on or about March 3. Notices will be sent out to members.

An interesting musical program was given. Mr. Samuel Smith, chairman of the musical committee, and Mrs. S. Goldsmith, entertained with vocal solos. Saxaphone and xylophone numbers were given by little Miss Mollie Haberman and her brother. Mrs. Joshua Smith gave two excellent dramatic readings which were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Registration to the various circles then took place. It is hoped that many more who have not yet joined will do so at the next meeting.

The officers and chairmen of the various circles are:

Officers—Honorary president, Rabbi Julius Siegel; president, Joseph M. Gordon, B.A.; 1st vice-president, Saul Eisen, B.A.; 2nd vice-president, Miss Rivka Levi, B.A.; recording secretary, Miss Belle Sher; financial and rec. secretary, Murray Keyfetz; treasurer, Miss Esther Keyfetz.

Council—Miss Lillian Smith; Miss Mary Levine; Louis Samuels; Benjamin Fox.

Study Circle—Chairman, Rabbi Julius Siegel; secretary, Miss Wolfsohn.

Literary Circle—Chairman (pro tem.), Saul Eisen; Hyman Smith; Miss Rivka Levi; Benjamin Fox; Joseph M. Gordon; Rabbi Julius Siegel (advisory).

Dramatic Circle — Chairman, Mr. Chas. Benjamin; Miss Belle Sher; Mrs. Joshua Smith (advisory).

Debating Circle—Chairman, E. Gelber; other members to be appointed.

Athletic Circle — Chairman, Oscar James; J. Samuels; Miss Evelyn Wilson; Miss Nellie Cohen; Miss Rae Cohen.

Musical Circle—Chairman, Mr. Samuel Smith; Miss Evelyn Wilson; J. Soloway.

Social Committee—Chairman, Mr. Louis Samuels; Miss Rita Cooper; Miss E. Birnbaum; Miss Jennie Enushevsky; Miss Dolly Cohen; Cecil Simonsky.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL OF THE WEITZMAN ZION CLUB

Four hundred people attended the musical festival of the Weitzman Zion Club, which took place at the Zionist Institute on Sunday, February 5.

Mrs. J. Selick, the chairman of the evening, delivered a charming little address, and introduced the various talents that made the affair a success.

Mr. Isadore Kanner and Mr. Morris Solway rendered beautiful violin solos.

The Misses Reva Peritz, A. Solway, Rose Abromovitz, as well as Master Willie Kanner, played the piano. Mr. Isadore Abrahams and Miss Lily Lister entertained with delightful songs.

Rabbi J. Siegel delivered the address of the evening, and both Mr. M. Cash and Mr. D. Abromovitz spoke appreciatively of the Zionist work of the Weitzman Zion Club.

The delightful evening was concluded by the singing of the Hatikvah.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEITZMAN ZION CLUB

A special meeting of the Weitzman Zion Club will take place at the Zionist Institute, Sunday, February 12.

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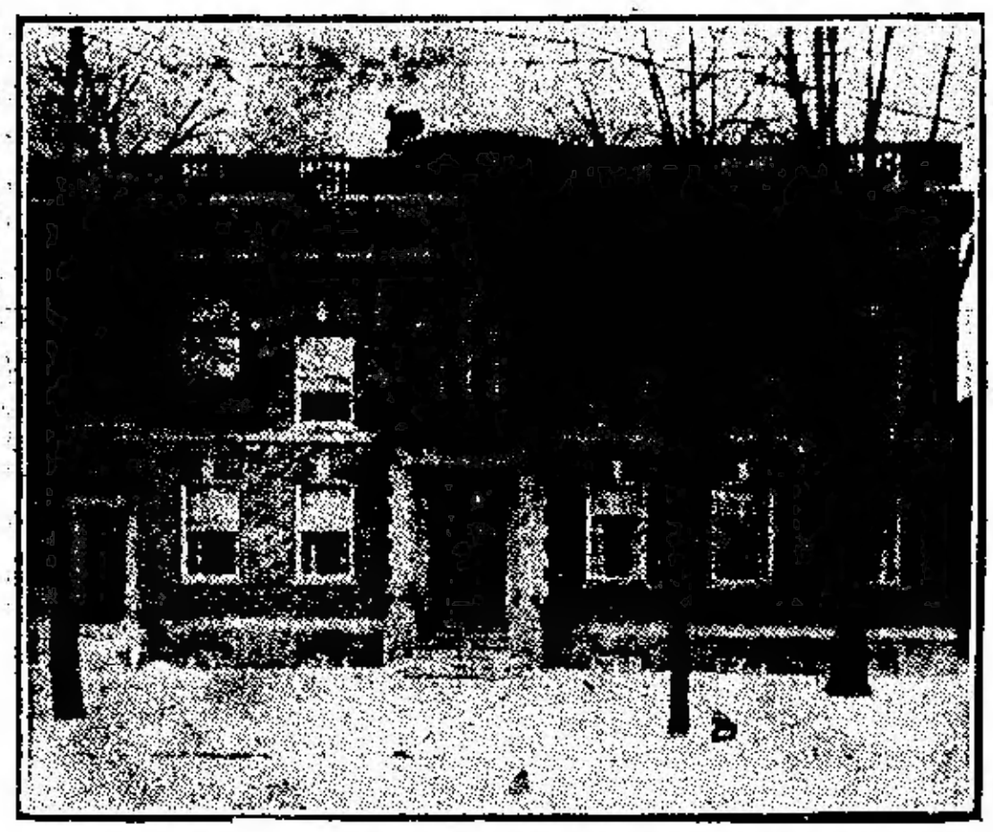

Primrose Club Opens with Brilliant Ball

Designed to be the new Jewish social center of Toronto, the Primrose Club at 41 Willcocks Street, with its splendid spacious appointments, ranks high among the private clubs of the country. At the formal opening, Thursday evening, February 2, a very representative assembly of 350 couples were welcomed in a few well chosen words by the president, Mr. Max Singer, to whose untiring efforts the Primrose Club owes its existence. Mr. Singer then introduced Rabbi Brickner, who made a short address, followed by Rabbi Siegel and Mr. L. M. Singer, the secretary. The club is open to members and their wives, and is designed with separate ladies' and gentlemen's entrances and quarters. Above is shown a view of the exterior. Photo by Alexandra Studios.

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The centralization of relief work. All relief activities to be conducted through one central office. "Adequate Relief" to be the slogan where relief is necessary.

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The creating of a personal service and legal aid department, to advise the immigrant, to visit and co-operate with public schools, Juvenile and other Courts, and to give legal aid to those who cannot afford to hire counsel, where it is our duty to assist.

To extend the activities of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

To extend the activities of the Girls' Club and the establishment of Jewish social and educational centers for children as well as their parents.

The establishment of a Health and Sanitation department to see that our poor receive the proper medical treatment; to work in co-operation with our non-Jewish private and public health agencies, and to cover every phase of health work.

To conduct Canadianization work among our immigrants. We cannot be good Jews without being good citizens. Our immigrants must learn the language and customs of their adopted country, and it is our utmost duty to assist them.

NO PORT FOR JAFFA

London (J. P. A.)—A Jerusalem dispatch states that at a joint session of all Palestine chambers of commerce, held recently, at which Sir Herbert Samuel presided, the question of building a modern port in the harbor of Jaffa was thoroughly discussed. It was found that the capital necessary for that purpose was so large that there was no possibility of carrying the project into effect, as there are no prospects in sight that foreign capital will become interested in the undertaking. The plan of constructing a port at Jaffa was postponed indefinitely.

JEWISH ATHLETES BEAT ENGLISH

London (J. P. A.)—Reports from Jaffa state that at a football meet recently held there, between the Jewish athletic organisation, "Maccabee," and an English sport club, the Jewish athletes emerged victorious.

ROUMANIAN JEWS DEMAND REVISION OF COURT-MARTIAL SENTENCES

Bukarest (J. P. A.)—Dr. Filderman and Mr. Magdar have, in the name of the Roumanian Jews, requested the Government to pardon Jewish soldiers sentenced during the war for various misdemeanors. The memorandum states that the greater number of the men were tried by Antisemitic officers and that most of them were victims of Antisemitic conspiracies and agitation.

JEWISH BOY LIFE COUNCIL

In the interest of the Jewish Boy Life Council, Mr. M. M. Cohen and Mr. N. Gollom last Sunday addressed the Amphions, Memophs and the Herzl Zion Clubs, where an appeal was made for prospective leaders to go into training for leadership under the foremost authorities of boy life in Canada.

A gratifying response was met with and it is hoped that with the addition of new leaders, greater results will be accomplished in helping to solve the Jewish boy problem in this city.

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Y.M. & Y.W.H.A. NEWS

About 200 were present at the very interesting debate which took place at the Y.M. and Y.W.H.A. on Sunday evening, at the "Y" assembly rooms. Mr. Dave Cohen and Mr. Harry Landsberg represented the Memoph Club, and Mr. A. Greenbaum and Mr. Bernard Caplan the "Y."

It was decided by the judges, who were Mrs. F. Cross, Mrs. H. Marks and Mr. S. J. Birnbaum, that "Unemployment could be effectively abolished."

The Memoph Club argued their side of the question in such a manner, effective and forceful, that the decision could not be otherwise.

The next debate will take place on February 19.

Inter-Club Basketball League Results--First Half

	W	L	P.C.	F	A
Felix	4	0	1000	110	93
Lits Junior	3	0	1000	103	54
Herzl	2	2	500	89	61
Balfour	2	2	500	78	70
D'Arcy	1	4	200	57	120
Lits Sr.	0	4	000	42	83

An Inter-Club Boxing Tournament will be held at the "Y" assembly rooms on February 20 (Monday), at 8.15 o'clock.

Great interest is shown in the dance that the Y.M. and Y.W.H.A. is giving at Mosher's Arcadia on Monday evening, March 6, as a $10.00 gold piece is to be given to the person selling the greatest number of tickets.

Any one desiring to enter the contest can get information from the Secretary at the "Y," 7 Brunswick Avenue.

The Saturday night dances at the "Y" are becoming very popular. The young people seem to appreciate the fact that the "Y" is a clean and wholesome place to go to for recreation, and that these dances are well supervised. The orchestra has been enlarged for the coming Saturday.

ZION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION INSTALLATION

The installation of the recently elected members of the Zion Benevolent Association was held in conjunction with their Seventh Annual Banquet at the Zionist Institute on Sunday, January 29.

Mr. B. Nathanson was chairman of the evening and delivered, during the installation, an encouraging address to the newly elected officers, namely: Mr. S. Samuels, president; Mr. S. Himel, vice-president; Mr. J. Shifman, re-elected treasurer; Mr. P. J. Isaacson, re-elected financial secretary; Mr. T. Berenson, re-elected recording secretary; Messrs. I. Woolfson, S. Lent and H. Salomon, trustees; Mr. J. Weisman, sergeant-at-arms.

At the completion of the installation, the members and friends assembled in the banquet hall, where the tables were artistically laid, the supper expertly catered, and the hall itself beautifully decorated with Zionist and Canadian flags. Mr. S. Samuels, president-elect, opened the banquet with a short address on Zionism. Mr. S. M. Ross was the excellent toastmaster of the evening. Inspiring speeches were delivered by Mr. B. Nathanson, Rabbi J. Siegel, Mr. D. Abramovitz, and others. The guests were highly entertained with a delightful musical program, and the young people present enjoyed themselves in dancing.

HERZL ZION CLUB

Mr. H. Irwin, B.A., delivered an address at the Herzl Zion Club rooms on Sunday evening, February 5, on "Literature and Life." It was a very interesting and enlightening lecture and was greatly enjoyed by the large number of members and friends present.

The speaker for next Sunday evening is Rabbi Brickner. The lecture will be at 8.30 p.m. at the club-rooms, 382 Queen Street West.

The Literary Committee of the Club has arranged a debate with the Ottawa "Y" to be held February 26 at Ottawa. The subject is, "Resolved that the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish state would solve the Jewish problem." The Herzl Zion Club takes the affirmative. The Club debaters are Messrs. A. C. Solomon and S. Rosenthal.

Another debate has been arranged for early in March with the Beth-Jacob Society of Hamilton.

The social committee is arranging for the annual club banquet.

A ritual committee was appointed at the business meeting on February 5—Mr. A. C. Solomon, chairman. The committee will draw up the ritual and carry out the initiation of members.

The club-rooms are to be entirely renovated in the very near future. Redecorating will commence soon, and new furniture is being bought.

The Club is leading the "Y" Bowling League, and the chances are very favorable for winning the championship.

The athletic committee has organised a new House Bowling League, consisting of eight teams. The winners of the last league were the Exterminators.

The Club will enter a number of men in the "Y" Boxing Tournament which commences shortly.

The Checker Tournament has now reached its fourth round. The contestants are Messrs. J. Levey, J. Friedland, H. Kirshenbaum and S. Gordon.

Six new members were accepted into the ranks last Sunday.

WOLF CUBS WANTED

The Wolf Cubs (Junior Boy Scouts) under the leadership of Mr. B. Shulman, need nine more members to complete its organization. This is a Jewish Pack and, besides the Jewish work taken up, it trains the boys in scout qualities. Applicants of high moral instincts and the average intelligence of boys 8 to 11 years of age preferred. Applicants for membership please come to the meetings, Saturday night, 7 o'clock, at the Zionist Building, corner Cecil and Beverley Streets, or send name, address, and age to Mr. B. Shulman, 37 Grange Ave., College 7025.

JEWISH BOY LIFE COUNCIL

The first step to organize the Jewish boys of Ryerson School took place Tuesday, January 31, when Mr. M. M. Cohen, president of the Jewish Boy Life Council, addressed about one hundred boys on the program to be followed, and, judging from the enthusiasm shown, Ryerson School promises to eclipse Strathcona in the group classes.

Two groups were organized under the leadership of Mr. Dave Brody and Mr. Leon Weil, the remainder to be organized as quickly as mentors can be trained to lead them. After Mr. Cohen's address, a musical program was rendered by Messrs. Jess and James Kaplan, assisted on the violin by Mr. Asher and Mr. Arthur Bain.

Master Isadore Sherman, a promising young violinist, gave several classical and traditional Jewish melodies and rounded out the first of a series of concerts to be held in connection with this fascinating boys' work.

PHOENIX CLUB NEWS

An enjoyable literary and social evening was held at the club-rooms last Sunday, by members and friends. Among the various entertainers was Mr. M. Haberman, who delivered an interesting talk on drug traffic in Toronto. Messrs. Pascoe and Natanson entertained with novelty clog dancing. A number of popular selections were sung by Messrs. J. Geller, G. Goldman, and others, followed by Messrs. Huntman and Messenger, who delivered a number of recitations. A feature of the evening's entertainment was the lucky prize dance, which was keenly contested.

The musical program of the evening was rendered by Messrs. M. Snitman and H. Corb, piano, and A. Sirkin and H. Pollock, violin.

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PERSONAL MENTION

All Society Items and other local notes should be communicated to the office of the Review by 5 o'clock each Tuesday afternoon in order to appear in the current week's issue. Wedding and engagement announcements will not be printed unless they bear the telephone number of the sender. Telephone Adelaide 5489.

Mr. L. Simon, 20 South Drive, has returned from Europe. He was accompanied home from New York by Mrs. Simon.

Miss Alma Levy, 410 Jarvis Street, has returned home after spending several weeks in Montreal.

Mrs. Jule Allen, St. Andrew's Gardens, entertained at bridge Tuesday afternoon last.

Mrs. Mortimer De Young Greenberg, 29 High Park, entertained at tea during the week.

Mrs. S. Schaffer and son Milton, of Fort William, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Schaffer, Palmerston Boulevard.

Mrs. B. M. Speyer and Mrs. Louis Prager entertained at a bridge and miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Sue Halpern, one of the popular brides of the season.

Mrs. M. J. Weiss, Ashburnham Road, is visiting her sisters in Montreal, Mrs. L. Goldfine and Mrs. H. B. Miller.

Mr. S. K. Baum, of Windsor, Ont., spent a week at the King Edward Hotel.

Mrs. A. Freeman, Auburn Apartments, entertained twenty-four of her son's friends in honor of his birthday, Saturday. Among those present were Joseph, Ben and Ernest Dunkelman, Milton Miller, Sidney Hermant, Earl Draiman, Burell Singer, Lloyd Berstein, Theodore Brody, Russell Greenberg, Philip Draiman, Elliot Marius, Theodore Draiman, Gerson Allen, Raymond Allen, Ronald Lyon, Lorrie Tarshis, Marvin Gelber, Jerry Coppelman, and Marvin Marks.

Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Solway have returned from an extensive stay abroad. While abroad, Dr. Solway studied at the London Hospital and Brompton Hospital for the diseases of the chest, and was admitted a member of the Royal College of Physicians of London. Dr. and Mrs. Solway are at present at the Waverley Hotel.

The formal annual dance of the U. of T. Chapter of the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Brodey, Palmerston Avenue, was a delightful affair. About fifty guests were present, and were received by Mr. and Mrs. Brodey. A pleasant novelty of the evening was the balloon dance, after which the ladies were presented with souvenirs—pennants of the fraternity. Supper was served at midnight at small tables. Among the guests were Mrs. Frank Silverman, Mrs. Herbert Allen, Mrs. B. R. Brickner, Miss Lillian Lorie, Misses Belle and Lillian Sher, Misses Ethel Mehr, Reta Samuels, Jennie Pullan, Reta Cooper, Lottie Cohen, Alma Levy, Cecile Cohen, Dorothy Yanover, Leola Levy, Rose Bochner, Jennie Kurtz, C. Muskowitz and Sadie Hartman. The out-of-town guests were Miss H. Engel of Oshawa; Miss Theresa Sweet of Hamilton; Miss Katz of New York; and Miss A. Brown of Youngstown. Undergraduates: H. Rosenthal, A. Brodey, P. W. Breslin, S. Allen, N. Silverman, J. Solway, I. Lavine, L. Borsook, M. Bregman, A. Bain. Alumnae: F. Silverman, M. Centner, H. Borsook, D. Brody, D. Goldstick, J. Sweet (Hamilton), M. Schott (Windsor). Pledgees: J. Andrews, C. Greenberg, M. Bochner. Visiting fratres: Rabbi B. R. Brickner (Cincinnati and Toronto), A. Edelstein (Rochester).

A well attended meeting of the Junior Council took place Sunday afternoon. Professor D. R. Keys addressed the meeting, and Miss Pearl Griesman entertained with two beautiful solos.

The Musical Study Circle of the Senior Council of Jewish Women held their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry Davis Kendal Avenue. The subject of the afternoon was Mendelssohn. Mrs. M. Fischer entertained at the piano; Mrs. M. Pollock sung, and Mrs. Henry Davis gave the biography of Mendelssohn.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mrs. L. Soren, 77 High Park Boulevard. Fifty guests were present. The evening was spent in playing bridge. The prizes were won by Mrs. S. Hansher, Mrs. Jack Schwartz, Mrs. Krangle and Mrs. Appelbaum.

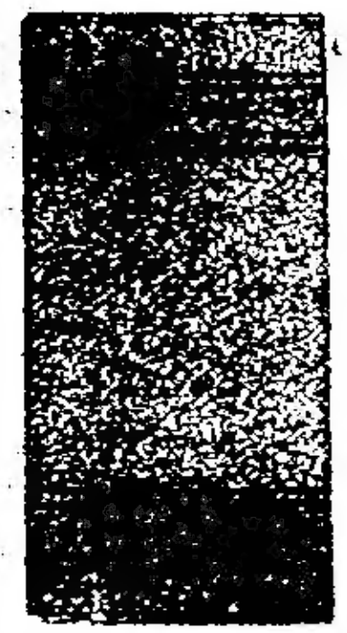
A jolly evening was spent at the home of Mrs. S. C. Yolles, 422 Lakefront, on Thursday evening, when Mrs. Yolles entertained in honor of the bride-to-be, Miss Bella Hartman.

Miss Blanche Wiener, Spadina Road, entertained her friends at tea Saturday afternoon.

Mr. M. J. Weiss, Ashburnham Road, gave a stag at his home Saturday evening in honor of Mr. Wolfe Wilder, prior to his marriage to Miss Bella Hartman.

Mrs. S. Simonsky, 478 Brunswick Avenue, will entertain at bridge Tuesday, February 14, at a down-town tea-room.

Miss Sara Solway, Brunswick Avenue, entertained at bridge Monday, in honor of Miss Bella Hartman.



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A miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Benjamin, 358 Shaw Street, in honor of the approaching marriage of Leah Benjamin, who was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. Mrs. Charles Benjamin, Miss Lillian Granatstein and Miss Eva Benjamin were the hostesses, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Mr. M. Goldberg, of 15 Kippendavie Avenue, left for New York on Monday to visit his parents, and will return on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph King, of Whitby, are visiting with Mrs. M. Singer, Kendall Avenue.

Miss Dollie Cohen is giving a bridge at her home, 98 Blythewood Road, Wednesday. Proceeds will go to the Junior Council.

Miss Anna Poslun will spend a few weeks in Guelph, Ont., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dorenson.

Miss Selina Harris, of Hamilton, was in town on Monday for the day only.

Miss Sophie Goodfellow entertained a few of her friends at her home, 127 Beaconsfield Avenue, on Wednesday evening, before leaving to visit her aunt in Boston.

Mrs. L. R. Wolfe was hostess at a card party at her home, 80 Lakefront, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Joseph Shulman will spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Dworkin, of Ottawa.

The Rose Caplan Girls held a very successful skating party on Saturday evening last, followed by a Dutch supper at the home of Miss L. Coffman, 22 Robert Street.

Miss Dora Sand gave a delightful party at the home of her brother, 202 Markham Street, on Sunday night. Prizes were won by Mr. Sol Dorst and Miss Hilda Dorst.

Mrs. A. Levine, Huron Street, had as her guest for her daughter Faye's, wedding, Rabbi Berger and Mrs. Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Rose, all of Hamilton.

Mrs. S. Lang, Markham Street, gave a tea at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Louis Lightstone, of Ottawa, has returned to her home after spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Maldaver, Elm Grove Avenue.

Miss Meta Rotenberg, Spadina Road, is visiting in Los Angeles, California.

Miss Elizabeth Wladowsky, Dunswick Avenue, is visiting in Ottawa, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. Zivian.

The Hebrew Boot and Shoe Society held a delightful bridge and whist at the home of Miss Minnie Lieberman. The prizes were won by Miss Freeda Wolfish, Miss Betty Silver, Miss Eleanor Miller and Mrs. D. Stitz.

Mrs. M. Shulman, Kew Beach, entertained at the Carls-Rite on Tuesday in honor of Miss Bella Hartman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Cohen, Park Side Drive, gave a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. J. Perkins who are leaving the city shortly.

Miss S. Gold, of Montreal, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Winston, St. Clair Avenue.

Miss Sara Griesman, of Winnipeg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. I. M. Lederman, Ossington Avenue.

Mrs. J. Levinter, of 1169 Bloor West, entertained Sunday night. Prizes were won by Mrs. Joseph Lavene and Mrs. H. Shaberman.

Miss A. Schaffer, Palmerston Boulevard, entertained at her home Sunday evening.

Miss Fannie Ponarsky entertained her friends at whist during the week.

Mrs. Frank Silverman was hostess at a bridge and whist party.

One of the jolliest of the Community Theatre night parties was held at the home of Mrs. E. L. Bochner, Breadalbane Street, when Mrs. E. L. Bochner and Mrs. D. Abramovitz were joint hostesses and entertained a number of their friends after the theatre. A dainty buffet supper was served. The hostesses were ably assisted by Mrs. M. Kurtz, Mrs. S. Kurtz, Miss Leola Lewis and Miss Rose Abramovitz. Lively discussions and good music finished a delightful evening.

Miss Anna Brankstone entertained a few friends Sunday in honor of Miss Anna Elsen who has recently returned from Europe.

The G.F.S. Girl Club held a successful theatre party at Loew's Uptown Theatre Community Night. Mrs. Norman Helpert acted as chaperon. An enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Mrs. Wm. J. Kaufman (née Lillian Haberman), formerly of Toronto, now residing in Chicago, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Haberman, 64 Leuty Avenue, for a few weeks.

Mrs. H. Haberman and little daughter, Sybil, 26 Herbert Avenue, are expected home from Detroit after spending three weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Taylor, of Euclid Apartments, celebrated their fifteenth anniversary Sunday, January 29, 1922. They received many beautiful gifts, including a diamond lavallière, which Mrs. Taylor received from her husband. Miss Lillian Levy and Miss Ray Jacobs acted as hostesses. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor's daughter, Miss Gertrude, and Miss Lena Woodrow, entertained with several piano selections, and little Miss Ruth Black sang. Dancing followed.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Men of England Assembly Hall on Sunday, February 5, at a tea party given by the executive of the London Hebrew Ladies' Society to their members and friends.

An enjoyable evening was spent on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Bowman, 806 College Street. The occasion was held in honor of Mrs. Bowman, who was presented with a beautiful platinum-set diamond ring by her husband. In addition, she received many pretty gifts from her friends. After dinner, the guests were entertained by local talent. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. N. Scheinart; Mr. and Mrs. S. Collins; Mr. and Mrs. A. Collins; Mr. and Mrs. A. Feinstein; Mr. and Mrs. C. Beber; Mr. and Mrs. M. Morgolis; Mr. and Mrs. E. Levitt; Mr. and Mrs. Hochman; Mr. and Mrs. A. Sagman; Mr. and Mrs. A. Fiddler; Mr. and Mrs. M. Pollock; Mr. and Mrs. J. Pollock; Mr. and Mrs. S. Shapiro; Mr. and Mrs. Rodman; Mr. and Mrs A. Snitman; Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman; Mr. and Mrs. N. Cohen; Mr. and Mrs. N. Kaplan; Mr. and Mrs. M. Temes; Mrs. Goldstein; Mr. B. Nathanson; Mr. Scharp; and Miss Sandler.

The Misses Schiff, Murray Street, entertained a number of friends at a fortune-telling tea. Miss Essie Rosenbas played a number of piano selections, and Miss Sophia Gold delighted the guests with a few of her best vocal solos. The tea was poured by Misses Ida Himelstein and Shirley Farber.

Mr. M. Eisen and daughter, Anna, 599 Euclid Avenue, have returned home after an extended trip to Europe.

Mrs. Max Clavir gave a reception in honor of her sister's, Miss Freeda Adlers, engagement to Mr. Jack Saul Samuels. The speakers were Messrs. M. B. Clavir, S. Samuels, M. Clavir, Al Clavir, and Dr. Rabkin of Hamilton.

The Daughters of Zion are entertaining at a bridge at Binghams' Downtown, Tuesday evening, February 14.

JEHUDAS GIRLS ORGANIZE

An organization meeting of the Jehudas Girls was held at King Edward School on Monday, January 30. Frances Cohen was elected president, Fanny Persovsky, secretary, and Ada Iskovitz, treasurer.

THE JUDEAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The Judean Benevolent Society wish to announce that they are having a Minstrel Show and Dance on Tuesday, March 7, at the Oddfellows' Temple, College Street. The minstrel show is under the well-known director Mr. Chas. Godfrey. Any person missing this performance, also the dance, will be missing a good time. The Judeans are open to receive new members from 18 to 40 years. For information, apply to secretary, Mr. J. Hornick, 119 Manning Avenue.

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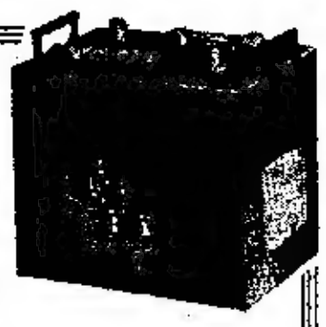

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The subject of the lecture for Saturday morning will be: "The Slave Mind."

The Collegiate Department of the Sunday School will have its first social at the home of one of its members, Ben Miller, 2 Chestnut Park, on Saturday evening, February 18. An interesting program of games and dances has been arranged.

The Temple Center will give a performance of three one-act plays at Columbus Hall on March 1. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Loric Simonsky, Parkdale 8269W or Main 4962

The Temple Center Dance scheduled for February 13 has been postponed.

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The sermon on Saturday morning at 10.45 will be on the subject: "Marah, the Bitter Waters and How They Became Sweet."

The choir of Sunday School children, which has been training under Mr. Riegelhaupt will be in the Synagog this Shabtos to lead the worshippers in Congregational singing.

Women's Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary of the Goel Tzedek will run an At Home for the members of the congregation and their sons and daughters, on Tuesday evening, February 28. Members of the Goel Tzedek please take notice. Particulars may be obtained from any member. Only a limited number of tickets are for sale.

BORN

Mr. and Mrs. B. Altman, Russel Street, announce the birth of a son on Friday, February 3.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Dick announce the engagement of their daughter, Sophie, to Mr. A. Siegel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Siegel.

OBITUARY

Mrs. B. Hirschberg, of Vancouver, B.C., mother of Jack Hirschberg, 417 Markham Street, passed away at the age of 69 after a long illness, Monday January 23, 1922.

Mrs. Rose Schonfeld, at the age of 74, passed away after a long illness, at her home, 64 Leuty Avenue, on Thursday, February 2. Deceased, in former years, was known as a midwife for 23 years in this city, and was thought very highly of. She is deeply mourned by her three daughters, Mrs. P. Haberman, Mrs. Wm. Friedman, and Mrs. H. Goodman, all of Toronto; her son, Mr. Alex. Schonfeld, Chicago, who was present at her last moments, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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London (J. P. A.)—A group of Californian Jews have founded a large modern dairy in the suburbs of the Jewish colony, Zichron Jacob. Cattle of the highest grade—cows, oxen, sheep and fowls were imported from Holland for this purpose. It is hoped that this undertaking will develop into a profitable and useful business.

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The benefit performance held at Loew's Uptown Theatre, Monday night, for the emergency fund of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Toronto was an unqualified success. Nearly $6,000 over and above expenses was handed over to the Treasurer of the Federation as a result of the event. The theatre was crowded with an audience of about 3,000, all of whom showed their sympathy with the cause of Jewish relief in Toronto through the premium prices which made the highly satisfactory aggregate possible.

In addition to the excellent performance of "It Pays to Advertise," presented by the Vaughan Glaser Players, a wealth of voluntary talent was arranged for by the management of the Federation. Miss Beatrice O'Leary gave a rendering of "Il Baccio" which excited rounds of applause, and encores; Mr. B. Levine sang a beautiful baritone aria from "Faust"; Master Louis Gesenway, the marvellous boy violinist, whose talent was available through the courtesy of the Regent Theatre, and Mrs. Martha Goldsmith, were artists whose high quality of talent raised the performance to a standard which has seldom been equalled in a similar cause.

The orchestra of Mr. Jack Arthur, of the Regent Theatre lent its assistance, giving the overture from "Il Pagliacci," in which Mr. Victor Edmunds joined with the famous tenor aria.

Among the audience could be seen the most representative of Toronto Jews.

Mr. Louis Singer, in making the announcement of the success of the enterprise, also took occasion to pay high tribute to Mrs. R. Dunkleman, President of the Rose Chapter of the Hadassah, under whose auspices the entertainment was held. A beautiful basket of flowers was presented to Mrs. Dunkleman. Mr. Harry Kauffman was convener of the event for the Federation, and expressed the belief that, even more than the financial success, the exceptionally large turnout was encouraging, in manifesting the deep earnestness and sympathy with the cause of the Federation among Toronto Jews.

LOEW'S YONGE ST. THEATRE

William Christy Cabanne has achieved one of his greatest screen successes in "At the Stage Door," which is being shown during the week of February 13, with a snappy vaudeville bill, at Loew's Yonge St. Theatre. As the title intimates, "At the Stage Door" depicts a vivid picture of theatre life. The story has to do with the experiences of a young and beautiful girl who loses her sweetheart to her younger sister and then goes to New York and gets a job in the chorus. About this theme Director Cabanne has built a most engrossing story, approaching it from an entirely new angle. Among those in the cast are such well-known players as Billie Dove, famous beauty of the Ziegfeld Follies; Elizabeth North, of the Greenwich Village Follies; Huntly Gordon, Willie Collier, Jr., Miriam Battista, Billy Quirk, C. Elliott Griffin, Margaret Foster, Myrtle Maughan, Viva Ogden, who scored heavily as the village gossip in "Way Down East"; Doris Eaton and others.

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HEBREW NATIONAL ASSOCIATION CONCERT

The Hebrew National Association held a very successful concert at Massey Hall, Monday, January 30. Rabbi Siegel and Mr. B. Nathanson were the speakers of the evening. An excellent musical program was given under the direction of Professor Boris Hambourg. The Reading girls assisted in ushering at the concert. The proceeds go to the poor and needy.

ORION CLUB

The Orion Club held a smoker on Tuesday, January 24. Mr. Jack Forbes, lightweight wrestling champion of Canada, gave the boys a few instructions in wrestling. On Sunday, January 29, they held a private dance at their clubrooms. There will be another smoker in the near future.

JUDEAN BENEVOLENT AND FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The Judean Benevolent and Friendly Society have secured the Oddfellows' Temple, at 229 College, for their first annual minstrel show and dance, to be held on Tuesday, March 7. Mr. Jack Godfrey, the well known blackface comedian, has consented to act as master of ceremonies, and will be in full charge of the minstrel show. A record crowd is expected, and arrangements are being made accordingly.

A concert is being given by the Ladies' Auxiliary on Saturday evening, February 11, at the Orange Hall, corner Euclid and College Streets, at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served in addition to the concert, at which several well known local celebrities will perform.

FELIX CLUB

The club-rooms are rapidly acquiring a comfortable aspect, and prospects are that they will be in complete order very shortly.

The basketball team's success in defeating the D'Arcy Athletic Club last Saturday evening by a score of 23 to 3 places them in first place in the Y.M.H.A. interclub league for the Granatstein Trophy.

The Glee Committee is making arrangements for indoor house tournaments consisting of checkers and chess, also literary and social evenings.

The Social Committee have made arrangements for their fifth annual dance, to be held on the evening of March 24.

London (J. P. A.)—According to reports from Jerusalem, a number of the larger Jewish colonies in Palestine, among them Rishon le Zion and Rehovoth, have been chartered by the government of Palestine as municipal governments with all the rights of local self-government. The newly-created municipalities will now elect their own mayors, city councils, and will most probably have the right to organize local police forces for their protection.

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PERSONALITIES

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with more sorrow than admiration. Here was another case of the vaunting in public of youthful talent. A prodigy—a forced growth that rarely flowers, but usually develops into an unpleasant unlikeable, unlovely specimen.

Already Samuel is travelling the path. His father, it is said, has gone into the insurance business here and printed on his business cards and stationery a picture of the boy with the medals he has won in chess strung along his narrow chest. This the magnet to attract customers! While Samuel himself has discovered that he has a voice and has given a concert at some hotel in Lakewood, and now has visions of an operatic career.

How much wiser, how much more to the interest of her boy, did the mother of Toscha Seidel, the violinist, act. Toscha was a prodigy. At an early age he could give wonderful recitals. But Mme. Seidel said firmly, no. Toscha must first go through his academical studies, he must play, he must grow, he must develop his mind before appearing upon the platform. That is why Toscha Seidel is now a famous artist and will remain one.

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Another violinist, Jascha Heifetz—or, rather, his mother, one more capable mother, but perhaps too capable—has been the cause of some disturbance in Erie, Pa. Heifetz was booked there by a local manager for an appearance at a fee of $2,500. The concert was to be held in a theatre which seats 1,000, but the demand for tickets was so great that arrangements were made to hold the recital in an arena used for sporting events, which had a seating capacity of 2,500.

When Mme. Heifetz arrived with Jascha and heard of this change, with the further news that the receipts from the concert would likely approximate $5,000, she refused to allow the violinist to appear unless his fee were increased to $3,000, and, anyway, she did not like the idea of Heifetz appearing in "a place fit only for prizefights."

The managers were indignant; arguments ensued, and the concert was called off, the audience being given back their money and sent home.

An audience which is disappointed is in no frame of mind for deliberation. The people felt very resentful and some went as far as to say that had Mme. Heifetz not been a Jewess the incident would not have occurred.

Now here is an instance where nothing can be said in justification of the artist and his manager. We remember we were once present back stage at a recital to be given by a famous pianist. It was a bad night; the audience was slim and the managers could not meet the fee of the artist, which he demanded before stepping onto the platform. There seemed nothing to do but to send the audience home and cancel the concert, when the manager of the concert auditorium appeared in the little ante-room where the promoters were hopelessly conferring with the artist. This man gave the artist a hard look and said: "The people are waiting for the concert to begin. If it was the last thing I did in this world I'd go out there and play." The artist did. He remembered his duty to the public.

To disappoint an audience and humiliate a manager who has done to the best of his judgment is the last thing an artist should think of. Most artists are finally above such things, but the Heifetz group seems not to be. The Erie managers were fully entitled to make as much money out of the concert as they could. They have probably lost many thousands on other artists not so popular as Heifetz, and the unfitness of the arena was an empty excuse, since Galli-Curci and McCormack had given concerts there.

Unless there are reasons not yet brought to light, Mme. Heifetz and Jascha should be strongly censured for for their action.

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Our Friendly Informer upbraided us. "My dear sir," he said, "you are positively neglectful of your duties in ignoring the Metropolitan Opera House as you do. Did you hear 'Die Todte Stadt'? I did. Korngold, the composer, a Jew; Bodanzky, the conductor, the same; Jeritza, the prima donna, most likely the same; Mary Ellis, another principal in the cast—she was born Elsasser—ditto. Then there are Hasselmans and Wolff, conductors; Otto Weil, Gatti, chief assistant; Anisfeld, the scenic artist, not to speak of Otto H. Kahn, the genius on the Board of Directors, at whose suggestion Jeritza was engaged, and——"

It must be confessed that the more one dips into the mysterious depths of Judaic identities, the more is one overwhelmed. But we have hopes of gathering them all in in due time. Read this page faithfully.

JOHN KAYE.

UKRAINIAN JEWS DYING OF STARVATION

London (J. P. A.)—Latest reports from Soviet Ukrainia, state that economic conditions obtaining there are indescribable. The food shortage is just as acute there as in the Volga region. Thousands of children are dying of emaciation. The price of food is so high that very few can have the privilege of buying it. It requires no less than 8 thousand roubles to procure in Kiev one pound of black bread, 23 thousand for one pound of white bread and 65 thousand roubles for a pound of sugar, and the remuneration paid for a day's work, if one is lucky enough to find it, is less than the cost of a pound of bread. Those suffering most from these conditions are the Jews, since the peasants hoard the food still remaining in the villages, refusing to bring it to town markets. It is this which has compelled Jewish parents to make beggars of their children, most of whom wander from village to village in search of food.

SEMINARY FOR JEWISH WOMEN TEACHRRS FOUNDED

Budapest (J. P. A.)—The Jewish women societies in Hungary have founded in this city, the first teachers' seminary for Jewish women. The Budapest Jewish community has pledged its support and aid to the new institution.

SOVIET CHALUZIM ON WAY TO PALESTINE

Vienna (J. P. A.)—A group of 40 chaluzim came here from Soviet Russia and are proceeding via Trieste to Palestine. The pioneers are of healthy vigorous and intelligent stock, and all have had extensive agricultural training.

Several groups of chaluzim from Ukraina have recently passed through this city on their way to Palestine.

According to official Zionist statistics, 5,500 chaluzim passed through Trieste during 1921 on their way to Palestine, the largest number having come from Poland and Galicia. The last month of the year saw 867 chaluzim, the largest number during a single month, off to Palestine.

NOTED BUNDIST DEAD IN SIBERIA

Chita (By mail, J. P. A.)—The well-known Bundist, Lazar Lowenberg, who was sentenced to Siberia under the Czarist régime, died here. The deceased wrote under psuedonyms for several Russian and Yiddish newspapers and remained an active Bundist worker until his death.

CHINESE PASSPORTS FOR RUSSIAN JEWS

Harbin (J. P. A.)—Many Jewish refugees who escaped from Soviet Russia, have arrived here, on their way to their friends in America. The American consul vised their passports issued them by local Chinese authorities, after having refused to recognize their Russian documents.

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What the B'nai B'rith Is Doing in Defence of the Jews' Good Name

(Continued from last issue)

One of the aldermen of the city of Winnipeg asserted that the Jews of the city were stealing condemned fruit from the refuse dump of the incinerator plant and reselling it. We at once made representations to the Health Committee. An investigation was made, proving the charge absolutely without ground, and an apology was tendered.

The Toronto Saturday Night has frequent references to Jews. In one particular instance, there was printed an address of a deputy fire marshall before a convention of underwriters at Hamilton. We asked the Toronto Lodge to take this up and supply us with information. So far we have not received any report. However, this whole question will be put before you for special consideration. The address in question was also printed in a Montreal journal, which no doubt received the attention of our brethren of the Mount Royal Lodge.

With the object of spreading, among men of culture and influence, a better knowledge of the aims and ideals of Judaism, the Committee has purchased 500 copies of the Chief Rabbi's Book of Jewish Thought, for free distribution. These are being sent to a number of clergymen, teachers, professors, publicists and others in Western Canada. We believe that this will have a most desirable result. It would be possible to prepare at comparatively small cost a special B'nai B'rith edition, smaller in size, for wider distribution. Members of the Order would be able to purchase copies to give to their non-Jewish friends. This book should do much to enlighten the non-Jews, and should be useful in helping to correct that attitude of mind which thinks that a thing must be Jewish because it is bad, and bad because it is Jewish.

We are keeping in touch with the English papers through the agency of a very excellent press clipping bureau. These are being studied and preserved. The English papers come over to Canada in large quantities. It is a none too reassuring feature that the papers and magazines with an anti-Jewish bias show no tendency to decrease in circulation. It is possible to cope with this problem only by the most indirect means, as we cannot trace the readers.

This vile stuff is being read by those who are writing the literature for the Evangelical movement, known as Millennialism, which is gaining a very strong hold over the churches. There are a number of papers published in England expressly for the purpose of anti-Semitic propaganda. These papers are not on sale in the news agencies in Canada. They carry no advertising matter. They are obtainable only by subscription. But people in Canada are getting hold of them. Copies have come to the office sent in by Jews who have obtained them from non-Jews. There is a certain mystery about this underhand circulation, which makes a deeper impression upon the reader than would an open article in the newspaper. The appeal is made to credulity and prejudice, and cannot fail to have its effect, especially as the reader gets only the one side.

The immigration problem, which will have separate and special consideration, is bound up with the condition of public opinion. The question was put by the December number of Social Welfare, the organ of the Social Service Council of Canada, "Are the Jews to remain the peddling and junk-dealing class of Canada?" We have not only to secure the admission of the Jew in Canada, but we have to secure an outlet for his energy, and have to protect him from the dangers of the new life.

Your attention will be drawn during the conference to other questions which are causing us much anxiety. There is a noticeable increase of references to Jews which are indirect as to their implications. This is far more dangerous in its effect than the rougher type of attack. We meet the same thing in regard to employment and business. In every case that we have dealt with, and in the policy we have set up, we have had in mind the necessity for rendering the Jewish name less open to attack, in making our neighbors less minded to attack, and in securing that those who do attack and who cannot be stopped, shall at any rate be met in a way that will rob them of harm and hurt.

The outrageous statements about the Jews made a week ago by the Law Enforcement Officer of the Province of Manitoba, is a case in point. His incoherent babblings about sinister Jewish conspiracies show the effect of anti-Semitic literature on an ignorant and credulous mind. Col. Rattray may have been reading Henry Ford's paper and pamphlets, or some of the five or six similar papers published in England. He may have been reading some of the books which are continually appearing for the purpose of maligning the Jews. He may have been attending Evangelical meetings, and perhaps got hold of some of the literature of this movement, published in Canada, England and United States. He may have been in the company of the Denikin and Koltchak officers and journalists, whose mission over here is to spread anti-Semitism. We have to reckon with all of these methods of propaganda. Newspaper replies, and even the removal of such a man from his position, would be only dealing with one case. We have to get to grips with the whole movement. Ford's paper has this week started giving attention to Canadian matters and we are already making investigation.

The average man is influenced by what he reads and hears. These things sink in and show their effect later. The local matters of Anti-Defamation that we are faced with continually are all the outcome of these sunken-in impressions, and we must candidly admit that our troubles are increasing rather than diminishing.

The average man is, however, open to conviction. He is reasonable, and prepared to acknowledge the truth and the right. Our work, therefore, lies in counteracting these damnable libels, in keeping awake the conscience of the normal person, in removing his misconceptions, in cultivating in him a soil in which anti-Semitism will not grow. This involves immense labor in gathering material, in preparing the right information and in spreading it. The true and only effective Anti-Defamation is that which will keep ahead of the slanderer. We must borrow the weapons of anti-Semitism, and propagate a distrust in advance, based on reliable information, thus creating against it the very spirit it has been so successful in creating against us.

The gathering of information takes a long while. The mischief is done long before there is a chance to rectify it. We are always a very far distance behind the enemy, and yet our greatest problem lies just in these matters that we have to ignore, because by the time we are ready to reply our action would only stir up what we feel is best left to forgetfulness. But unfortunately it is not left to forgetfulness. It is remembered. We have to leave these matters ignored far too often, and the seeds are gradually and surely being sown. We have to aim at creating a public opinion which will express itself in protest in advance, which will teach anti-Semitic adventurers that there is a limit to their pretensions, and that they must offer other excuses for their political failures than the too easily accepted one of Jewish plots and influences and revolutions and crimes.

A recent editorial by Rabbi Brickner, the esteemed delegate of the Toronto Lodge, in the CANADIAN JEWISH REVIEW,

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shows that our brethren in Ontario are also exercised over this issue.

This is a matter which must receive our earnest attention. It it vital that there should be a united stand. The Committee earnestly emphasizes the necessity for the full exchange of information and consultation.

This is not a local matter. It is a matter for all of us. The action or neglect of action on the part of any one local committee may have very serious and harmful effects elsewhere. The National Conference on Education will meet next year at Toronto. The Council has been working upon the subject. The need for religious instruction in our schools was the dominant note of the Winnipeg Conference. It was not made a definite issue, and no decision was attempted, but it was there, and it will come up at the Toronto Conference as a definite issue, upon which a decision will be sought.

Realizing that the struggle is not far off, the Committee has been collecting material. It is still collecting material, and it recommends to the Conference that a carefully deliberated plan of campaign must be drawn up and agreed upon. Delay, followed by hasty action, will be fatal. Separate attempts to cope with the problem, actuated chiefly by local considerations, will involve perilous difficulties elsewhere. A defeat in one province may overthrow victory in another. We must arrive at a general agreement, and follow a general plan. The question as to how far we can go, or should go, must be thoroughly canvassed from every angle, and from an understanding of the conditions of every community. It is a problem bristling with difficulties.

It must not be left to the judgment of individuals, however influential in big places, nor must it be left to compromises, until the judgment of those individuals, and the advisability of compromise have been fully considered. Nor must there be any attempt to override or disregard the sentiments of any section of our community. The handling of such a matter comes to the B'nai B'rith by inheritance. Is the B'nai B'rith in Canada capable of undertaking a matter of such extreme moment to the future of Jewry in Canada? Is the B'nai B'rith in Canada big enough to pool its efforts, and while maintaining the spirit of the true and ancient mission of Israel as the religious teacher of mankind, to keep unimpaired our own citadel of distinctive thought?

PALESTINE JEWS INDIGNANT OVER BETRAYAL BY YEMENITE

Jaffa (J. P. A., by mail)—The Yemenite Jew, Obedia Nahum, was the proprietor of a small store in Tel Aviv, through which he succeeded in saving sufficient money to build a house. Because he employed Arab workmen exclusively for the work, the Jewish laborers protested and demanded that Nahum give part of the work to Jews. The Yemenite thereupon sent a letter to the anti-Semitic Arab Society asking for protection from the alien "Russians" who were attempting to prevent him from employing his own "brethren," the Arabs.

The Jews here are very much wrought up by this irresponsible act.

LEMBERG "TAGBLATT" CONFISCATED

Lemberg (J. P. A., by mail)—Because the local Jewish daily, "Tagblatt," printed an article criticising the chief of police for persecuting the Jewish refugees from Ukrainia, the newspaper was confiscated by the government.

JEWISH TRIBUTE TO DEAD POPE

New York (J. P. A.)—In his sermon of last Sunday, Dr. Samuel Schulman, of Temple Beth El, preaching on the "Healing Power of Religion," used the life of Pope Benedict XV as a living illustration of the potency of religion.

"Of course we sympathize with the great church that has lost its leader," said Dr. Shulman. "While Pope Benedict could not accomplish all that was needed in the terrible years when it was given him to be the spiritual head of his great church in Christendom, he exerted a tremendous influence on behalf of peace and used all his resources to alleviate suffering and to keep alive in men's minds the thought of their common humanity and of the healing power of religion. The world therefore offers a deserved tribute to his memory."

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS TO COME TO LIFE AGAIN

New York (J. P. A.)—At a meeting of the Provisional Committee of the American Jewish Congress, called by its executive secretary, Bernard G. Richards, a complete reorganization was decided upon. Since the end of the war, the activities of the Congress have been practically nonexistent, though never was there so great a need for its stimulus as now.

Magistrate Alexander H. Geisman, one of the speakers at the meeting, attacked bitterly the restrictive immigration policy now advocated, expressing it as his belief that its intent was to injure the interests of the Jewish immigrant above all else.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise stated that there were two things Jewry needed, faith in democracy and the capacity of self-government and control. He said, "If the Jew renounce his faith in democracy, he might just as well go back to Poland and other East European countries and put himself under control of those royal bandits who have persecuted him and broken his nation for centuries.

UNFERMENTED WINE FOR SACRAMENTAL PURPOSES, RABBIS DECIDE

New York (J. P. A.)—The Rabbinical Assembly of the Jewish Theological Seminary, with a membership of 158 rabbis, which met in executive session at the Seminary Building, decided that unfermented wine might be used for all religious purposes by Jews. This decision was reached after hours of discussion by rabbis from various parts of the country, and will be presented for approval to the Orthodox rabbis of this country.

Complaints made by prohibition agents that some rabbis were taking advantage of their privilege to issue liquor permits, caused the American Jewish Committee to call upon the organization of rabbis to regulate the distribution of permits and to investigate this entire matter, in order to remove the stigma of "lawbreaker" from the Jewish people.

It was decided to appoint a committee to confer with representatives of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis within the next month. The purpose of the proposed meeting will be to persuade the Orthodox rabbis to regard the question of the use of wine for religious purposes in a modern light. If united Jewry could inform Congress that it needed and wanted no privileges from the Prohibition Enforcement Director, all scandals would be averted, and much of the disrepute attached to Jewry would be removed.

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The Restaurants of Kasrilevka

By Sholom Aleichem

"Kosher! Dine here. Food fresh and cheap. Sarah Indick." Having read this inscription I climbed up the slippery stairs to the second story of a bare building; and though the odors that were wafted toward us on the stairs were not so pleasant to the smell, still an empty stomach is not over particular.

"Whereabouts can I find Sarah Indick?" I asked of a sallow-complexioned Jew who was sitting on the floor and mending an old mattress.

"Fort," said the old Jew. He gave the mattress a bang with his fist, and a great snake rose from it.

"Gone away?" I asked.

"Gone away," said the old man, shaking his head. "Gone away forever."

"Dead. Blessed art thou . . . a true Judge," I said. I tried to get away.

"Yes," said he, "dead. On the Eve of Passover it will be six years since she died. Believe me, I have not forgotten her for even a single minute. How can one forget her like? Her cooking, her baking, her way of dealing with the world! The way she spoke to a person! And how she understood my tastes—! But I don't know why I tell you all this. You must have known her yourself."

"How was I to know her?" I said, "this is the first time in my life that I came to Kasrilevka."

"Did you ever!" said he. "Well, why did you ask for Sarah?"

"I did not ask for Sarah. I only asked if this was the restaurant of Sarah Indick, whose name is painted on the wall. I want something to eat."

"You want something to eat?" he repeated. "Then why are you silent about it? Rachel! Rachel!"

There appeared a dark, pretty little woman with laughing eyes, turned up sleeves and flour dust on her hands, her apron and her face.

"What's wrong again?" asked the dark, pretty little woman. She wiped her face with the sleeve above her elbow. "I can't even sift the flour. Every minute, 'Rachel, Rachel.'"

"He wants something to eat," explained the old man, who went on beating the mattress.

"Something to eat?" she repeated in a peculiar sing-song. She shook her apron and filled my eyes with flour. "What do you want to eat?"

"What have you?" I replied in the same sing-song as hers.

"What do you want?" she asked again, still sing-song.

"What do I want?" said I. "H-m! Have you got stuffed fish?"

"After the market, fish?" she cried. "A likely thing."

"Then let it be beetroot soup, if not fish," I said.

"Where did you see beetroot soup after midday?" she asked. "Beetroot soup has to be cooked. Do you know that or don't you?"

"Everything," said I, "has to be cooked."

"It is well you know it," she said.

"Well, then, have you no pickled beef, either?" I asked.

"Where am I to get it?" she asked. "There was pickled beef; but it is all eaten up."

"Well," said I, "let me have some soup."

"What would you like to have with it?" said she. "Barley or Matzoh fritters; or stuffed almonds?" (Pesach and Chometz were evidently mixed up to her.)

"Let it be with what you like," said I, "so long as it's soup."

"When do you want the soup for?" she asked.

"What do you mean? 'When for?' Now," I said.

"What do you mean by 'now'?" she asked. "You must have some fowl boiled in the soup. What good is soup without a bit of fowl; and the fowl has to be caught, sent to be slaughtered, plucked, cleaned, salted, soaked; washed, and put down to boil. It will be ready to-night, I think."

"Well, then give me a bit of anything," said I. "A bit of meat, a drop of soup, an omelette of a few eggs or something salty, if you have it."

"A curious man!" said she to the old man. "He wants everything! I can give you a herring if you like."

"Let it be a herring, only at once," I said.

"How would you like it?" she asked. "With onion?"

"With onion!"

"And vinegar, too?"

"And vinegar, too,"

"And oil, also?"

"Oil, also!"

She again shook her apron, unrolled her sleeves, and went off for the herring. She turned round to ask:

"How do you like a herring—with a roe or with a milt?"

"Let him be as he likes," said I, "so long as I get him."

Rachel went off, but again turned around to ask:

"Do you eat smoked fish?"

"Why not?" I asked.

"And Odessa sprats?" said she.

"With the greatest of pleasure," said I.

"But I do not know if they are in yet. I don't think they are. Perhaps they have arrived. . . . No, it's too early. Still, I will go and see if they have come."

Rachel went off, and turned back once more to ask:

"Do you care for saveloys?"

"Ah, yes," I said. "Yes, do buy them. I love saveloys."

"You are probably thinking of Warsawer saveloys?"

"Yes, of course," I said, "ordinary Warsawer saveloys."

"So!" she replied, "then you will be kind enough to go over to Warsaw; there you can get Warsawer saveloys. Here we get Kasrilevka manufactory. You want iron teeth for them! It is impossible to cut them with a knife. You might break them with an axe. The devil only knows what they stuff into them to make them so hard. Once someone broke a saveloy and found a nail in it. It seems they put nails into them so that they should weigh heavy."

"Maybe you have talked enough?" put in the old man. "Go and bring the things and make an end!"

"What do you mean by just saying go and bring the things? Mustn't I know what to bring? Everyone has his own follies. You, for example, are fond of fried fish. Others hate fried fish, but like baked fish. And haven't we had customers who liked brains boiled, and ate it minced with onions and fat? Then there are others who, in the middle of the week, ask for vicsoles and fried potatoes and garlic. Then again there are greedy things that would give their very souls for stuffings and soup. Then there are others who, if you crowned them, would not take into their mouths a scrap of meat boiled in vinegar."

"I beg of you," I interrupted her, "go and bring me what you like, only bring it; I am dead hungry."

Rachel went away. The old man said to me:

"Nine measures of talk!"

"Is that your daughter?" I asked.

"What, daughter!" he answered. "She is my wife. She is my second wife. Ha! Ha! Ha! I should say she wasn't the one. The other, peace be unto her, was a woman you couldn't meet every day. That is, I have nothing against this one either, nothing. She works hard, poor thing; is very faithful. May the Lord pity her! This same bit of mattress that you see is all our bedding. . . . . Along with that, I am delicate and capricious. To stand my temper one must be stronger than iron. That is, by mature I am really a good man. But if one displeases me by a word, one's life is in danger. Whatever comes into my hand I let fly at the other's head. That's the sort of man I am! Do you think I did not tell her all this before I married her? I told her that she would not taste honey with me. She would have to be satisfied if there was a bit of bread in the house. About meat and milk, one says nothing. And I told her in advance that she would have to work like three women. . . ."

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"Then for what reason did she marry you?" I asked.

"What do you mean?" he asked in amazement. "For what reason? And is the house a dog in your eyes?"

"What house?" I asked. "Is this building yours?"

"No," he answered with a laugh. "I mean the restaurant that I established here long ago, years and years ago. No matter how bad business may be just now, it is still a house. If you were to see my Rachel when she dresses herself and goes for a walk, you would imagine she was a princess. She is really a beauty, may no evil eye harm her. She is already losing her good looks. You should have seen her a few years ago.

"How many children have you?" I asked.

"Ha! Ha! Ha! Children?" he answered. "That is the whole evil, that I have no children. Will you have a drink of whiskey? Shall I give you a drop of spirit?"

"Oh, with the greatest of pleasure," said I.

"I will give it to you in a dark glass," said the old man, and he drew from his bosom a bottle and a little glazed pot which he filled with spirit and handed to me. The drink only whetted my appetite all the more, and I felt that my soul was leaving my body.

Rachel came in with the herring. She slapped herself on the thighs and shouted:

"May the thunder strike me, I forgot that I have neither a loaf nor a roll of bread in the house. What sort of bread do you like? Yiddish bread or French rolls, or ordinary brown bread?"

"Whatever you see first," said I. "Whatever you see first bring back. I beg of you not to ask me again what I like. I like everything!"

"A capricious guest," cried Rachel. "He is even crankier than my husband. My husband would like me to make new dishes every day. Stale bread he will not eat. Can there be fresh bread every day? Only rich people have that . . . . ."

"Go, go, its time," said the old man. "Don't you see he is fainting for want of food?"

Rachel went off for the bread. And there entered a tall woman with only one eye. One hand was in her bosom, with the other she scratched her ear.

"What's one to do, Reb Mashe Yankel? Give me your advice," said she to the old man. "My Shummel's ear is out of order again."

Rachel came back with the bread. She prepared the herring for me, while the tall woman went on to explain how her boy's ear was running again. She was afraid she would have to see the doctor again, but she did not know which doctor to go to. Because, no matter what doctor she went to, she knew that it was useless, for the simple reason that all the Kasrilevka doctors—may the devil take them!—were bloodsuckers. If you offered a Kasrilevka doctor less than a gulden, he threw it back into your face. He doesn't care what one suffers, the professor!"

"Help a sick man?" cried a Jew with a round face, and he put out a withered hand that had evidently been created for the express purpose of being held out for alms.

"Help a poor man who is a complete cripple," said a creature who walked on his hands because both his feet were twisted and bent up under him.

"Give something to a man who is completely paralyzed."

I got up from the table in the middle of my supper, paid my reckoning, and ran off from the restaurant to where the black pepper grows.